

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA  
SAVANNAH DIVISION**

<b>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</b>	)	
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<b>v.</b>	)	<b>CASE NO. CR 218-014</b>
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<b>JOHN EUGENE OVERCASH</b>	)	
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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO SEEK ENHANCED SENTENCE AS TO  
DEFENDANT JOHN EUGENE OVERCASH**

The United States intends to seek enhanced punishment under Title 21, United States Code, Section 851.

**1. Procedural History and Charges**

On March 7, 2018, a federal grand jury returned an indictment (Doc. 3) charging Defendant John Eugene Overcash with the following offenses:

- Count 1, Conspiracy to Possess With Intent to Distribute and to Distribute Controlled Substances (5 Kilograms or More of Cocaine, a Quantity of Cocaine Base “Crack,” and a Quantity of Marijuana), in violation 21 U.S.C. § 846
- Count 23, Possession of Controlled Substance with Intent to Distribute (500 Grams or More of Cocaine and Marijuana), in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1)
- Count 24, Possession of a Firearm by a Prohibited Person, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1)

- Count 25, Maintaining a Drug-Involved Premises, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 856(a)(1)
- Count 26, Possession of a Firearm in Furtherance of a Drug Trafficking Crime, 18 U.S.C. § 924(c)
- Count 35, Unlawful Use of a Communications Facility, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 843(b)

Count 1, as alleged in the indictment, carries a potential punishment of not less than 10 years of imprisonment and not more than life; not more than a \$10,000,000 fine; not less than 5 years of supervised release, up to life; and a \$100 mandatory special assessment. However, if “any person commits such a violation after a prior conviction for a felony drug offense has become final,” such person will be subject to an enhanced punishment as follows: not less than 20 years of imprisonment; not more than \$20,000,000 fine; and not less than 10 years of supervised release, up to life. 21 U.S.C. § 841(b)(1)(A).

Count 23, as alleged in the indictment, carries a potential punishment of not less than 5 years of imprisonment, not more than 40 years; not more than \$5,000,000 fine; and not less than 4 years of supervised release, up to life. However, if “any person commits such a violation after a prior conviction for a felony drug offense has become final,” such person will be subject to an enhanced punishment as follows: Not less than 10 years of imprisonment, not more than life; not more than \$8,000,000 fine; and not less than 8 years of supervised release, up to life. 21 U.S.C. § 841(b)(1)(B).

## **2. Law and Circumstances**

Title 21, United States Code, Section 851, states in part:

(a)(1) No person who stands convicted of an offense under this part shall be sentenced to increased punishment by reason of one or more prior convictions, unless before trial, or before entry of a plea, the United States attorney files an information with the court (and serves a copy of such information on the person or counsel for the person) stating in writing the previous convictions to be relied upon....

The government is hereby providing notice of enhanced penalty and noticing the following qualifying drug convictions for the defendant:

(1) Sale of Marijuana, Glynn County Superior Court, Case No. 8800599, on September 17, 1990.

## **3. Conclusion**

Because the defendant has qualifying drug convictions, the United States is seeking enhanced punishment.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned AUSA hereby certifies that a copy of this pleading has been filed in the ECF system and therefore served on the defendant.

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